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Collection Tasking Staff

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TASKING OFFICE

7 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications,  
Central Intelligence Agency

THROUGH : DDA

FROM : Director, National Intelligence Tasking  
Office, Collection Tasking Staff

SUBJECT : Request for Distinct Message Address Group

1. As an Intelligence Community organization dealing with many Community agencies, the National Intelligence Tasking Office is anxious to avoid the erroneous appearance that it is organizationally affiliated with CIA. Although housed at CIA and relying upon it for services, organizational independence is essential to retain the confidence and cooperation of diverse segments of the Community.

2. To make appearance match reality in this matter, we hereby request assignment of a distinct address group for use in message traffic to and from the NITO; we would prefer "CTS/NITO." It does not seem to us sufficient to mark our traffic from "CIA," and include a reference to NITO in the body of the message.

3. We appreciate your attention to a matter of some sensitivity in the Intelligence Community.



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Ambassador

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